

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The President of the United States annually proclaims “National Volunteer Week” in recognition of the dedicated service and long hours provided by volunteers across the nation to non-profit, community-based organizations and local government agencies.

This year National Volunteer Week will be observed April 19 to 25, 2009. In the County of Los Angeles, the Board of Supervisors established the Volunteer Program in 1981 which now spans 31 departments and Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC). County departments and the LASC nominate volunteers for special recognition at the annual recognition and awards luncheon. The annual Volunteer Program also includes the Volunteer Insurance Workshop conducted by Chief Executive Office Risk Management and a Winter Volunteer Network planning meeting.

Volunteers do not replace County employees but assist them in carrying out the County’s motto “To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service.” They perform duties that otherwise would not get done. Last year, an estimated 34,000 volunteers donated 3.2 million hours of service. The Independent Sector, a national organization that establishes the value of volunteer hours, calculates the value of County donated hours at \$62 million, a tremendous savings for the County.

“Volunteers are Sun-sational” is the theme of the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon, scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2009, in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. The County’s volunteers are deserving of public recognition. They help employees fulfill key aspects of the County’s Strategic Plan, namely Fiscal Responsibility, Children and Families Well Being and Service Excellence.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions in support of the 2009 Volunteer Program:

- 1) Proclaim Monday, April 13, 2009, as "Volunteers are Sun-sational Day" in the County of Los Angeles as a tribute to County volunteers;
- 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Office to appropriate \$40,000 for the 2009 Volunteer Program, and direct the Internal Services Department to provide the necessary support for program activities; and
- 3) Direct County Departments to submit to Chief Executive Office Workplace Programs Office quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their departments;
- 4) Waive the \$1,200 rental fee, excluding liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall and Lobby, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, on Monday, April 13, 2009, for the Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon;
- 5) Waive parking fees in the amount of \$2,550, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center on April 13, 2009, for honorees and attendees; and
- 6) Waive parking fees in the amount of \$255, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center on Thursday, January 29, 2009, for Volunteer Program coordinators and directors attending the Winter Volunteer Network planning meeting.

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